



DALLAS COUNTY JUDGE CLAY LEWIS JENKINS

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Joel Lieurance
Policy Monitor, Texas Indigent Defense Commission
209 W. 14th Street, Room 202 (Price Daniel Building)
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**Re: FY13 TIDC Policy Monitoring Visit Response from the County
Criminal Courts and County Criminal Courts of Appeals**

Dear Mr. Lieurance:

Having successfully addressed two out of three of the recommendations from the TIDC visit in 2011, the Dallas County Criminal Courts and The County Criminal Courts of Appeals will address the recommendation of the TIDC'S 2013 Report as follows:

TIDC Recommendation: The misdemeanor courts must continue to examine their methods of appointing counsel, in particular, with regard to non-Spanish speaking attorneys. The Dallas County Criminal Courts and Criminal Courts of Appeals showed the top 10% of court appointed attorneys received 3.5 times their representative share. The recommended limit is 3.0 of the top 10%.

County Criminal Courts and County Criminal Courts of Appeals Response: The County Criminal Courts will continue to train the Court Coordinators and any new Court Coordinators to gain a better understanding of being compliant with Title I §174.28(c)(5)(C) of the Texas Administrative Code. The courts will continue to enforce the use of the automatic appointment wheel for case assignments. The Court Manager's office will continue to monitor the Attorney Appointment Management Report.

Sincerely,

Clay Lewis Jenkins
Dallas County Judge